



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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At its meeting held July 25, 2006, the Board took the following action:

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The following item was called up for consideration:

The Director of Public Social Services' recommendation to approve and instruct the Mayor to sign contract with Weingart Center Association for Housing Locators Services for Homeless CalWORKs Welfare-to-Work (WtW) Families in Service Planning Area 4 (SPA) and for Housing Locator Consultant Services for General Relief (GR) Single Adults countywide, commencing August 1, 2006 or the day after Board approval, whichever is later, through July 31, 2007, with option to extend for two additional one-year periods, at a first year estimated contract maximum amount of \$728,027, of which \$528,027 is for Housing Locators Services for Homeless CalWORKs WtW Families, fully funded by CalWORKs Single Allocation and \$200,000, for Housing Locator Consultant Services for GR Single Adults; is fully funded with County General Fund; and approve and instruct the Mayor to sign contract with Del Richardson & Associates for Housing Locator Services for Homeless CalWORKs WtW Families for SPAs 1 through 3, and 5 through 8, commencing August 1, 2006 or the day after Board approval, whichever is later, through July 31, 2007, with option to extend for two additional one-year periods, at a first year estimated contract maximum amount of \$4,365,250; and approve and authorize the Director to take the following related actions:

Exercise the County's option to extend both contracts for two additional one-year periods in accordance with the term of the contracts, in the projected amount of \$4,893,277 per fiscal year for Housing Locators Services for Homeless CalWORKs WtW Families and a projected amount of \$200,000 per fiscal year for Housing Locator Consultant Services for GR Single Adults; and

Prepare and execute amendments to the contract for an increase of no more than 10%, cumulative for the term of the contract, of the original contract amount and is necessitated by additional and necessary services that are required in order for the contractor to comply with changes in Federal, State or County requirements.

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Bryce Yokomizo, Director, and Lisa Nunez, Chief Deputy, Department of Public Social Services, responded to questions posed by the Board.

Supervisor Molina made the following statement:

“On numerous occasions in the recent past, the Board has recognized that homeless families are among Los Angeles County’s most vulnerable citizens. At the direction of this Board, the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) and various other departments have initiated a wide array of support services for homeless families. Even with these enhanced services, it remains difficult for many homeless families to locate stable permanent housing. Today, the Department of Public Social Services has submitted for our approval two housing locator contracts to assist homeless CalWORKs Welfare-to-Work families in locating, obtaining, and maintaining affordable permanent housing. When we undertake major enhancements to our service delivery system for homeless families, it is critical that there be a thorough evaluation of the new program, in order to determine program effectiveness and gain insights, which can form the basis for future programmatic enhancements.

“Additionally, the Board has adopted a Zero Tolerance Policy for homeless families in the Skid Row area. To adhere to such policy, Department of Public Social Services and its subcontractors should ensure that no emergency, transitional or permanent housing should be located in the Skid Row area.”

Therefore, Supervisor Molina made a motion that the Director of Public Social Services be instructed to:

1. Work with Chief Administrative Officer’s Service Integration Branch to:
 - Conduct a full evaluation of CalWORKs housing locator services, as part of the ongoing Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Public Social Services and the Chief Administrative Office for evaluation of the CalWORKs program; and
 - Report back to the Board on the results of the evaluation within one year of implementation, and submit quarterly reports on the placements of families;

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2. Incorporate into the contractor's instructions that housing for families should be sited outside of the Skid Row area which includes zip codes 90013 and 90014; and
3. Not pay Housing Locator Service providers for referrals to their own facilities.

After discussion, Supervisor Burke suggested that Supervisor Molina's motion be amended to limit the incorporation of the contractor's instructions that housing for families should be sited outside of the Skid Row area to include only the First Supervisorial District.

Supervisor Molina accepted Supervisor Burke's suggestion.

On motion of Supervisor Molina, seconded by Supervisor Burke, unanimously carried, the Director of Public Social Services' attached recommendation, as amended, was adopted.

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Attachment

Copies distributed:

Each Supervisor
Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Director of Public Social Services